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Happenings at GSU

- 10/4 Hispanic-American military artifacts on display, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Hall of Governors.
- 10/4 "Bocon! The Big Mouth," a playlet of a man's escape from a military government, 2 p.m., Hall of Governors.
- 10/5 "Masks in Motion," workshop and storytelling, 3 p.m., Hall of Governors.
- 10/11 Finale for Hispanic-American Heritage Month features "LaBamba: Latin American Journey," 3 p.m.; Caribbean Carnival with Najwa Dance Corps, 4 p.m.; WOPA-AM live broadcast and dance fest, 7 to 10 p.m., all in Hall of Governors.
- 10/13 1994 Media Symposium, "Urbs, - 14 Burbs & Bytes: Invasion of the New Communications/Information Technologies," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., B2203.
- 10/14 Guest presentation by Dr. Albert Ellis, internationally recognized founder of rational-emotive therapy, 8 p.m., Sherman Music Recital Hall.

GSU students helped by immunization bill

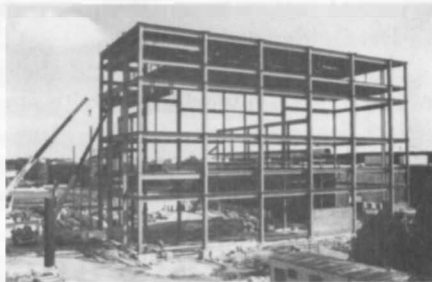
Governors State University students will be relieved of the burden of proving their immunizations are current thanks to legislation signed into law in September.

GSU President Paula Wolff is credited with bringing the issue before Board of Governors Universities Chancellor Thomas Layzell and then continually lobbying for a change in the state's procedures, even after the bill's

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GSU center directors organize, consultants begin work on details

BY MARILYN THOMAS



The SMART Center is changing the GSU landscape.

Organizational plans for the South Metropolitan Arts, Resources and Technology (SMART) Center at Governors State University are taking shape under the direction of **Karen Reid** of Flossmoor who has agreed to develop and direct the center's board of directors for the SMART Center.

The steel girders for the 1,200 seat theater on the GSU campus have extended the university's skyline

75 feet up making the GSU facility visible from the major crossroads.

The \$7.1 million project is on schedule. Masons are doing the brickwork, and it is hoped the shell will be enclosed by Dec. 15, according to **Michael Hassett**, director of GSU Physical Plant Operations.

The GSU community has watched the facility take shape as ironworkers walked the beams and construction crews forced holes into the former "black box" theater to bridge the new facility with the Hall of Governors which will serve as the main entrance. The project is expected to be completed by December 1995.

The contractor is Poulos Bros. Construction Co. of Chicago. The facility was designed by Hilfinger, Asbury, Abels & Associates of Bloomington, Ill., and is funded by individual and corporate contributions and appropriated funds from the State of Illinois. The project is overseen by the Illinois Capital Development Board.

Reid will be working with other volunteer members as plans are initiated

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Residents to discuss major issues at RAP/2000+ town meetings Oct. 19

Regional Action Project/2000+ organizers are inviting south metropolitan residents to offer suggestions on major regional issues at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at six town hall meetings on college and university campuses.

RAP/2000+ is designed to identify and research critical social, economic and policy issues facing the region. After building consensus among regional leaders and residents, a strategic plan will be created to achieve the identified goals.

The six town hall meetings will be held at Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, Prairie State College, South Suburban College and St. Xavier University. Reservations are being accepted by **Beverly Goldberg** at GSU at (708) 534-6360.

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GSU joins partnership to train county sheriffs

Governors State University has become one of three links in a special educational program for the Cook County Sheriff's Office.

GSU Provost **Wayne Hamilton** and **Dr. Sonny Goldenstein**, professor of criminal justice and chairperson of the GSU Division of Liberal Arts, joined with representatives of Triton College and the Cook County Sheriff's Office in approving the three-way partnership that will give the county's 7,000 sheriff's officers the opportunity to complete bachelor's degrees.

"This is an effort on our part for collaborative relationships to try and deliver education to the employees of the sheriff's department," Dr.

Goldenstein said. "When a new employee starts at the (sheriff's) academy, there will be an educational component that he or she can plug into."

The Cook County Sheriff's Office has three training centers which will merge at Triton College. Officers will take first and second year college courses through Triton College, and junior and senior year courses through Governors State earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from GSU, according to Dr. Goldenstein.

The college, university and sheriff's office has been working on the agreement the past year. GSU alumnus **Phil Coduti** has been hired by the Cook County Sheriff's Office to coordi-

nate the project.

Dr. Goldenstein believes an educated police officer is essential as those in the criminal justice system place more emphasis on the human condition and social services aspects that affect crime. By 1997, the Chicago Police Department will limit promotions to officers who hold college degrees, he noted.

"We hope this joint effort by GSU, Triton College and the Cook County Sheriff's Office is the first example of what can happen when we work together to offer educational opportunities to those entering the field," Dr. Goldenstein said.

Legislature agrees to change immunization rules

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failure to become law through parliamentary wrangling in 1993. The bill was sponsored by **Rep. Frank Giglio** (D-Calumet City), a GSU alumnus.

"I am so glad we were able to resolve this issue. The immunization requirement was inappropriate for our campus and an unnecessary bother to GSU students for some time," President Wolff said.

"We all recognize the importance of immunizations. The governor and the legislators understood that it was an unsuitable mandate for the state's non-residential universities, however," she noted.

"We all worked very hard to affect

this change," Dr. Layzell said. "More than 5,000 students every year at the three BGU commuter universities were having holds placed on their registrations because of this requirement."

The state's immunization law required that students 37 or younger (born after Jan. 1, 1957) present documentation of their immunizations at the time of registration. The argument was that communicable diseases — diphtheria, tetanus, measles (Rubeola), Rubella (German measles) and mumps — could be spread among college populations.

However, President Wolff argued that the closer students are to age 36, the more distant are their immunizations and the less likely they are to have access to those records. At GSU, the average age is 37 for graduate students and 32 for undergraduates.

GSU does not have a residential population. More than half the undergraduate students transferred from community colleges where students are exempt from the immunization requirement.

"We found ourselves putting students' admissions to GSU on hold because of the immunization requirements yet our setting in respect to communicable diseases is not like a dorm; it is more like a shopping center,

a movie theater or a restaurant," President Wolff explained. "In the fall of 1992, we had 1,357 students eligible to register who were on immunization holds. We weren't serving the students; we were hindering them, and they want and need an education."



Governors State University student Javier Chavira, an art major from Joliet, unveiled his portrait of the late Cesar Chavez, founder of the United Farm Workers of America, at the opening ceremonies of GSU's Hispanic American Heritage Month celebration. The portrait becomes part of the GSU permanent art collection.

Oct. 12 crafts fair

Crafters are invited to participate in the GSU Civil Service Senate Arts and Crafts Fair Oct. 12.

The fair will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Table rentals are \$25 with a two-person limit per table.

For information, call **Jill Stanley** at (708) 534-5000, extension 5043.

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GSU, U of C Hospital Academy link for health administration courses

This fall, GSU and the University of Chicago Hospital Academy are forming a partnership for advanced training of the hospital's staff.

"In order to deliver health care in a changing system, administrators at the University of Chicago Hospital believe the staff must be better prepared. Because education is the cornerstone in preparing people for work, they have asked the College of Health Professions at Governors State to bring several of its courses to the U of C hospital campus to assist staff in updating their skills or completing a college degree," according to **Dr. Cecilia Rokusek**, dean of the GSU College of Health

Professions.

Judy Schueler, director of the University of Chicago Hospital Academy, said staff members, many with associate degrees in allied health professions, are interested in completing undergraduate degrees, but they need the flexibility offered through GSU's on-site courses and distance learning options.

Many times staff working in a major hospital such as the University of Chicago Hospital become isolated. With the external perspective offered by GSU faculty, they will see their role in a regional and national health care delivery system, she explained.



Governors State University President Paula Wolff cut the welcoming ribbon as the newly remodeled A and B buildings on campus opened to students this fall trimester. The \$2.7 million remodeling project included 11 additional classrooms, meeting rooms, new offices and additional space for the Student Life Division.

Organization work starts for center

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by consultants **Marie O'Connor** and **Jeffrey Ortmann** on organization, promotion and events. O'Connor has served as director of development for The Auditorium Theatre, WTTW/Channel 11, and The Goodman Theatre. Ortmann is the producing director for Wisdom Bridge Theatre and also has served as its executive director. He was co-founder and president of Centre East for the Arts in Skokie, and director of operations for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Together with the board of directors, the two will review applications for the general manager's position, develop a mission statement, project a budget, develop fundraising strategies and promotional materials. They also will make contacts in the regional, Chicago and national arts communities to inform booking agents and corporations of opportunities at the SMART Center.

"In addition to providing the GSU community with world-class fine arts presentations, popular attractions, family entertainment and children's programming, the center will be available to area businesses and civic organizations," Reid said. "We see the center as a cultural asset to the community, and

believe it will contribute to the economic and social climate of the entire Chicago region."

Because the theater is designed not only for arts events, but also for technology and satellite conferencing capabilities, the value of the SMART Center expands.

"Governors State has such wonderful facilities that the center becomes more than a 1,200 seat theater. Organizations and groups also can use Engbretson Hall for meetings and lectures, the (Sherman) Music Recital Hall for smaller sessions and chamber concerts, the cafeteria for food service, and the classrooms and meeting rooms for breakout sessions," GSU President **Paula Wolff** explained.

Making healthy choices

"Sex, Alcohol and Self-Esteem: Health and Community on Campus" will be the topic of **Dr. Richard Keeling's** free presentations at 3 and 7 p.m. Oct. 27 at Governors State University.

Dr. Keeling focuses on the difficult health choices of sexual behavior, the use of alcohol and personal relationships. He emphasizes the roles of social and cultural norms, confusing mixed messages and powerful feelings.

Rap/2000+ meeting

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These town meetings are the first effort at collecting input from residents since the project was funded in April by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust. A wide variety of topics are expected to be discussed, ranging from public safety issues to the environment.

RAP/2000+ participants at the six locations will be addressed via satellite from Governors State University beginning at 7 p.m. They will learn RAP/2000+ objectives along with a similar initiative in Chattanooga, Tenn., that proved quite successful. This broadcast also will be carried on WYIN-TV, Channel 56 (UHF) and various local cable channels.

After the half-hour introduction program from GSU, participants at all six sites will be given the opportunity to share their vision for the future of the region, while the television viewing audience can watch the continuing dialog from GSU until 8 p.m.

At the conclusion of the town hall meetings and the television broadcast, volunteers will be asked to help in establishing strategies for change through region-wide citizen task forces, which will be formed around the identified goals. In spring 1995, a major conference will be held where national experts will offer insights on implementation.

MIS students given hands-on practice for the future

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Governors State University Professor Donald Fricker offered his students a preview of the future this summer.

The somewhat revolutionary event on campus occurred in his introductory Management Information Systems (MIS) class when he had students give up pencils and paper in favor of a test on computer. Fricker believes by the turn of the century computer testing will be the norm rather than a novelty.

His students were satisfied — and relieved. At the end of the 15-minute test, they knew how many questions they'd answered correctly. That eliminates the weeklong anxiety some feel between taking an exam and getting a grade at the next class.

It's easier for Fricker, too. Because the grades are recorded on a computer disk, he can transfer the information into his database. It also gives him a clear reading of what materials students have grasped, and what he needs to review.

This true-false, multiple choice and essay test program didn't allow students to skip forward or backward to review past questions on the exam. Several students asked Fricker to consider the option in the future. While some programmers agree, Fricker said others aren't including "scroll up" options in their software. "Contextual clues sometimes give students answer hints or give-aways from one section of



Governors State University Professor Donald Fricker (standing) works with student Dave Gasbarro of Olympia Fields before Gasbarro takes an on-line exam for his Management Information Systems class.

the exam to another, so programmers shy away from that," he explained.

Computer testing allows each student to work at his own pace. It also has been found to alleviate some test anxiety, especially for students who fear the "beat the clock" syndrome rushing to complete an exam rather than giving serious consideration to each question.

Then there is the other student who continues writing after the professor calls time. With computer testing, all machines would automatically lock at a precise minute, Fricker noted.

Today, major exams, such as the one stockbrokers take for licensure, are given on computer. The test is graded in 12 minutes, and a license is issued in three days.

Some students are already taking tests by computer. The Graduate Man-

agement Admissions Test (GMAT), and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), entry exams used by graduate schools of business, are given on computer. At the completion of the exam, students get a print-out of their scores.

Norman Thomas of Orland Park, a student in Fricker's class, is taking the GRE for admission into a doctoral program. For him, Fricker's computer-assisted testing was wonderful preparation for his next "big" exam. "The GRE people did send me a tutorial program, but being here (at GSU) is my self-training for that exam."

Thomas said the GRE instructions point out that he will have a mini clock appear on the screen to let him know how much time remains for the exam. It also notes in the tutorial that students must have answered at least 80 percent of the questions or they will not receive a score for the exam.

"Computer-based testing will allow the students to get more and better feedback from their work. The programs will continue to improve in ways that will make computer-based testing far superior to paper-based testing," he said.

The professor foresees that "these tests may include interactive video and audio as well as self-guided mini-teaching modules in just a few short years. This type of technology will allow the faculty to do a more thorough job with each individual student."



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Employee of the Month

Cahill's job evolves, but she remains a constant for CE faculty and staff

BY MARILYN THOMAS

Jill Cahill's workstation has changed, grown and sometimes fluctuated in the Division of Education, but she isn't easily flustered by the activity around her.

The September "Employee of the Month" takes her work in stride helping keep 14 faculty and their students in the math, early childhood, reading and language arts programs organized.

"The office area is a busy place all day long," retired Professor William "Prince" McLemore said in his nomination. "I had the opportunity to observe Jill interact with different people and perform her job. She consistently demonstrated excellent comprehension of her assigned duties and the division's programs, the kind and location of necessary forms required to be completed by faculty members and students."

The Division of Education is an exceptionally busy place because students have not only their course obligations but also student teaching requirements to meet. Cahill is already working on the paperwork for 105 winter trimester student teacher placements. Her organizational skills and pleasant personality are a special blessing for those students and their professors.

And then there is the perpetual "Can you do this now?" request, which McLemore remembers Cahill also agreed to do. "She graciously assisted with special short deadline tasks," he said. "She is a highly motivated person."

When Cahill arrived at GSU five years ago, she'd left a keypunching job. Those skills have proven invaluable to her as she's moved from an electric type-

writer to a computer, e-mail and access to student files.

"It's very convenient now," she says, "because I can access the Registrar's Office records to make up my own class lists, check a room number or find out who the instructor is."



Jill Cahill

Cahill, who lives in Richton Park, is especially proud of her two daughters, Melissa Costello who works with the residents at the Howe Developmental Center, and Carrie Cahill, a graduate of GSU's social work program who is now principal at Nathan Hall School in Lansing.

Roberts' actions save staffer's life

Irv Roberts has been presented the Civilian Service Award for his efforts that have been credited with saving staffer Yvonne Franklin's life Sept. 14.

The GSU bursar was in the Admissions Office when Franklin of the Enrollment and Technical Services staff went into a seizure, continually striking her head against a desk. Roberts held her to prevent further head trauma, eased her to the floor, and quickly called the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

DPS staff found Franklin unconscious and unresponsive when they arrived. She had an obstructed airway due to internal bleeding. Roberts was able to give DPS staff information about the incident, and the details were re-

Convocation Oct. 13

All staff are invited to the 1994 Fall Convocation from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in the Sherman Music Recital Hall.

President Paula Wolff will outline plans for the university's future and introduce new members of the administrative team and the GSU community.

Recipients of the Faculty Excellence Awards will be honored, and the "Employee of the Year" will be announced.

Congratulations

To Sharon Browne (CELCS) and her husband, Larry, on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Janine, born Sept. 14.

To Joanne Martin (UL) and her husband, Ron, on the birth of their daughter, Laura Teresa, born Sept. 15.

laid to the staff at Olympia Fields Osteopathic Trauma Center.

"Irv Roberts' initial actions protected the patient and probably prevented further serious head trauma," DPS Chief Phil Orawiec said. "His immediate activation of our emergency medical services system resulted in prompt response which enabled us to discover and correct a compromised airway, which, if uncorrected within six minutes, can result in death. His immediate, caring and effective actions greatly assisted us in the successful resolution of what could have been a tragic set of circumstances."

Franklin is at home now and under doctor's care.

Grapevine

Gustawson, Nagy take on national association duties

Judy Gustawson, coordinator of academic advising, and Rita Nagy, program director in the Student Life Division, have been elected to national offices.

Gustawson is serving as secretary of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). The association promotes quality academic advising and professional development of its more than 3,800 members nationwide. NACADA also is the representative and advocate of academic advising and academic advisors to higher education. Its members are faculty, professional advisors, administrators, counselors and others in academic and student affairs.

Nagy has been elected a staff-at-large member of the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA). She is serving on NACA's Illiana Steering Committee, representing Illinois and Missouri delegates, making recommendations and giving input on co-curricular campus activities.

Dascenzo wins honors for part-time teaching at MVCC

Tommy Dascenzo, director of student life, was selected one of the top five adjunct professors at Moraine Valley Community College in its "Part-Time Professor of the Year" judging. Nominated by students, Dascenzo was named from among the 450 part-time teachers at the campus during the 1993-94 academic year.

He has been an adjunct professor of political science and American government since 1991. He recently completed a second GSU master's degree in political science.

1994-95 PEP staff workshop series begins Oct. 27

The Professional Enrichment Program (PEP) opens its 1994-95 series with Professor Michele McMaster leading a workshop on "Positive Thinking" Oct. 27.

The Professional Enrichment Program has several components, including staff personal and career development workshops, educational support, and administrative and support staff internships. For details on PEP, call Kimberly Sharp in Human Resources on extension 4100.

BGU ratifies faculty, support staff salary increases

The Board of Governors Universities trustees have given their approval to a 3.5 percent average pay raise plus performance-related adjustments for the nearly 2,000 faculty and academic support staff systemwide.

Membership of the University Professionals of Illinois (UPI) will have a decision on the contract this month. Pay increases, that will average 4.2 percent, are expected Nov. 1, according to Mitch Vogel, president of UPI.

"The agreement calls for everyone to receive an average 3.5 percent pay increase. In addition, those faculty and staff being promoted, completing degrees or earning other special adjustments will receive additional increases ranging from .2 percent to .7 percent," BGU Chancellor Thomas Layzell said. "This agreement reflects the system's continuing commitment to narrow the gap between our faculty salaries and those at peer institutions."

Check-off period for state appeal opens in October

The 1994 State Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) is officially under way. This annual fundraiser benefits a variety of organizations in Illinois —everything from the United Way to Girl Scouts. Employees will be contacted by their unit coordinators for individual contributions or a payroll deduction.

The goal is \$5,700. "We need your support if we are going to surpass our established goal," Franchon Lindsay, director of human resources, said.

Cafeteria menu

(Week of Oct. 3-7)

DAILY—Pizza; potato bar; fried chicken (mild or savory).

Monday—Ham, cheese on croissant, hash browns. Beef noodle soup, chili; Philly cheese steak; roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable; fresh pasta and sauces.

Tuesday—Eggs, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast. Cream of chicken soup, chili; Maxwell St. Polish; baked mostaccioli, vegetable; the wokery.

Wednesday—Eggs, pancakes, bacon or sausage. Minestrone soup, chili; Italian chicken; turkey with dressing, potatoes, vegetable; fresh pasta, sauces.

Thursday—French toast, bacon or sausage. Cream of broccoli soup, chili; BLT club sandwich, Swedish meatballs, noodles, vegetable; taco salad.

Friday—Ham and cheese omelet, toast, hash browns. Crabby Swiss soup, chili; French dip sandwich; fish dinner, macaroni and cheese with vegetable.

(Week of Oct. 10-14)

DAILY—Pizza; baked potato bar; fried chicken (mild or savory).

Monday—Sausage and egg biscuit. Cream of chicken soup, chili; Polish sausage; beef Stroganoff over noodles, vegetable; fresh pasta.

Tuesday—Pancakes with sausage or bacon. Vegetable beef soup, chili; Italian beef sandwich; BBQ chicken, potato, vegetable; the wokery.

Wednesday—Egg, ham and cheese on English muffin. Potato chowder, chili; quarter pound cheeseburger; chicken Parmesan with spaghetti, garlic bread; fresh pasta, sauces.

Thursday—Egg, bacon and cheese on croissant. Chicken noodle soup, chili; tuna melt; taco salad bar; Caesar salad.

Friday—Continental breakfast. New England clam chowder, chili; grilled cheese sandwich; fish dinner, au gratin potatoes, vegetable.

Tickets on Sale

The Student Life box office is selling discounted tickets for "The Colored Museum" at 3 p.m. Oct. 30 at Victory Gardens Theatre, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago.

The regularly-priced \$23 tickets will be on sale for \$12 through noon Oct. 21.